

**Developmental Disabilities Council
Policy & Law Committee Minutes
October 19, 2018
Friendly's, Middletown, De.
9:30am – 11:30 am**

Members Present: Terri Hancharick, Bill Powell, Daniese McMullin-Powell, Diann Jones, Deb McCann

Members Absent: Rick Kosmalski, Maitri Campbell

Staff present: Stefanie Lancaster

Guests present: Catherine Pringle, Colin (an American Politics student at Wilmington University)

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 a.m. The agenda and minutes were unanimously approved by all members present.

- I. Position Statements – any updates?** – The committee discussed the Personal Care Attendants Reimbursement Position Statement that has been discussed at prior meetings. Terri Hancharick stated that Nicole Poore will help the committee in discussing recommended wording to an amendment to the current bill recently enacted to raise the wages for Personal Care Attendants to include those individuals integrated into the community and their supports. Daniese McMullin-Powell stated that she will hold off on requesting assistance from Rep. Townsend at this time.
- II. Strategic Planning – Review P&L Work to Plan – discuss revisions needed**
 - 1. Project Ideas and drafts of scope of services – review information discussed at the last meeting to ensure preparedness for the November Council meeting** – Please see the separate charted document for information regarding each objectives recommended scope of services.
- III. Legislative Update – Legislative Planning Committee meeting** – Daniese McMullin-Powell stated at the last Legislative Planning Committee meeting, headed by John McNeal with the State Council for Persons with Disabilities this year, the committee reviewed various ideas that they felt should be included in this year's Legislative agenda. John asked the committee to choose the top three items that the committee felt strongly should be worked on collaboratively this year. By the end of the meeting, it was decided that John would send out the information to the committee to vote on their top ten.

- IV. Review of position statements:** The committee reviewed the current list that is available on the DDC's website of position statements that are currently published. It was recommended that this committee review the wording for those currently written and provided recommended edits to the documents to full Council. Stefanie Lancaster will send copies of all the current statements to members to review. The committee will begin discussions of revisions at the next meeting.
- 1. Assisted Suicide** – It was stated that there is new information available regarding this topic. Daniese will work on recommended edits to this document.
 - 2. Medication Lists in Facilities** – It was stated that this is more of an action item...that education in hospitals needs to occur.
 - 3. Housing**
 - 4. Sub Minimum Wage**
 - 5. Sexual Assault** – There is currently not a DDC Sexual Assault Position Statement written. Diann Jones will ask the Victims Rights Task Force Committee if they could offer some recommendations on this statement.
- V. DDC Intern possible tasks** – There were no suggestions at this time.
- VI. Other Business From the Group** – No other business was reported at this time.
- VII. Next Meeting Date** – A future meeting date will be sent out to the committee.
- VIII. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.